

Senate Resolution 649

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending HomeLife Communities; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, HomeLife Communities is a Georgia based company with divisions in Atlanta,
3 Charlotte, Raleigh, and Phoenix and will open a home sales division in Albuquerque in
4 March, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2007, HomeLife Communities was featured prominently on the
6 Emmy Award winning *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* on ABC-TV, a program where a
7 team of designers renovates the homes of families in need; and

8 WHEREAS, during December, 2006, HomeLife Communities was instrumental in the
9 program's home renovation project of Linda Riggins of Raleigh, North Carolina; and

10 WHEREAS, Linda Riggins is actively involved in her community, spending the past 15
11 years working for the Building Together Ministries, a nonprofit organization that helps
12 disadvantaged parents encourage their children to excel in school by providing them with
13 resources and after-school programs; and

14 WHEREAS, as part of the program, HomeLife Communities and its trade partners
15 demolished the Riggins family's existing home, which was slated for condemnation, and built
16 a brand-new 3,070 square foot home for them in just 94 hours; and

17 WHEREAS, HomeLife Communities and its trade partners also remodeled the Building
18 Together Ministries building; and

19 WHEREAS, HomeLife Communities employees from Atlanta and Charlotte joined their
20 counterparts in Raleigh in organizing and leading the round-the-clock project; and

1 WHEREAS, HomeLife Communities rallied and organized more than 1,000 tradesmen and
2 1,300 additional volunteers to provide a new home and remodeled community center; and

3 WHEREAS, HomeLife Communities employees raised \$165,000 to pay off the Riggins
4 family's two mortgages as well as Linda's medical bills so she could focus on aiding her
5 community as she has in the past; and

6 WHEREAS, the January 21, 2007, episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* was seen
7 by over 20 million viewers across the United States.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 commend HomeLife Communities for their exceptional compassion and professionalism in
10 conducting the renovation project for Linda Riggins and Building Together Ministries and
11 extend to them their sincerest best wishes for the future.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to HomeLife Communities.